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SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I would also like to ask Senator DeCamp a question. About a dozen of us just spent an hour and a half this morning discussing the shortage of doctors. I think we should discuss this and I move, at this time, in order to bring it before the Legislature that we do discuss this issue and I will go so far as to say that I move that the Legislature consider sending Senator DeCamp and a member of the Health Committee along with someone from the State Department of Health to California to investigate this.

PRESIDENT: Is that properly before the Legislature, Senator Schmit, or the Executive Board?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Pardon me. I didn't get your question.

PRESIDENT: Is that matter for the Legislature or the Executive Board?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I move that the Legislature act upon it, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney. Is Senator Mahoney in the Chamber? Who is the Vice-chairman of the Executive Board? Senator Mahoney, Senator Schmit just moved that the Legislature send Senator DeCamp and someone from the Health Department to Camp Pendleton for the purpose of investigating the doctor situation. Is this a matter for the Legislature or the Executive Board, Senator Mahoney? The Chair does not know.

SENATOR MAHONEY: I will visit with the Chairman of Intergovernmental Cooperation. We have an agreement that we would discuss these things and I think that we can arrange this between Senator Simpson and myself. The Executive Board can handle this.

PRESIDENT: Well, the Chair has to determine whether or not this matter should be voted on by the Legislature or...

SENATOR MAHONEY: The Executive Board can handle this.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, that is agreeable with me but I would prefer to correct the impression, I said, Senator DeCamp and one member of the Health Committee of this Legislature. Either Senator Kennedy or a member of his Committee, I believe should accompany Senator DeCamp. I will be agreeable to leave it up to the Executive Board.

SENATOR MAHONEY: I think for the sake of brevity here that I will be glad to meet immediately with Senator Simpson, Senator Schmit and DeCamp and we will resolve this, and also with the Public Health Chairman, Senator Kennedy. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Frank Lewis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I rise on a point of personal privilege non-related to the issue.